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make a mistake if you give him John Leonard Cole's *Wheel-Chair Philosophy*. This is a unique book. We are all used to sermons on patience, resignation, fortitude, and courage, in which the subject is treated in a general, abstract way. But here is a concrete homily which merely puts into words the author's actual experience of frightful suffering and ultimate recovery, wherein faith rose triumphant. Mr. Cole met with a terrible accident; and he writes in the hope that others who sit in the shadow of darkness may find cheer and know the peace that passeth understanding.

**The Renaissance of Faith.** By Richard Roberts. New York: Revell, 1912. Pp. 318. \$1.50.

A very stimulating book by a London clergyman who is pastor of the Crouch Hill Presbyterian Church in the English metropolis, and president of the Metropolitan Council of Evangelical Free Churches. The introduction to the volume is from the pen of Professor G. A. Johnston Ross. The book gives American clergymen an excellent opportunity to look at today's world through the eyes of a well-informed, alert colleague over the sea, and to know what men of his type are thinking with reference to the spiritual, scientific, and economic problems of our time as they touch upon religion and the church. Mr. Roberts believes that we are on the verge of a new birth of the spirit; and his vivid chapters present an array of material which cannot fail to deepen faith and inspire enthusiasm. The author's position is that of the liberal who maintains the continuity of Christian experience in all ages, while accepting the objective results of evolution and biblical criticism.

**Why Does Not God Intervene? And Other Questions.** By Frank Ballard. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1912. Pp. x+348. \$1.50 net.

In frank, constructive fashion and with decided warmth of conviction, the author deals with the ever-present questions of God, Pain and Evil, Salvation, the Bible, the Church, Immortality, and Revivals. He does not spare in his criticism of numerous orthodox positions; he insists that both enemies and friends of religion must be reverent and scientific in their statement of truth; he passionately defends God as an Infinite Father whose law is always love, and, in clear summaries, gives the strongest modern reasons for holding today the great verities of the Christian faith. Many people will doubtless find new zeal and hope through reading these well-written pages.

Three more numbers of the "Short Course Series" (Scribner, 50 cents each) are before us. One is entitled *Jehovah-Jesus*, and is the work of Dr. Thomas Whitelaw, of Kilmarnock. This little treatise undertakes to follow out the spiritual unfolding of the Jehovah-ideal as it runs through the Old Testament and reaches its culmination in Jesus. The author says that he is "tolerably conversant with modern theories of the composition of the Gospels," but that he is not persuaded that they are well grounded (p. 9). As a practical work, adapted to homiletical and devotional use, it will be serviceable not only to those who hold the stricter traditional views, but to many others. The form of the book is such that one who dissents from some of its pre-suppositions would not willingly enter into controversy on the basis of it.

Covering part of the same ground is *The Song and the Soil* by Professor W. G. Jordan, of Queen's University, Canada. This is one of the best numbers in the series. It is a devotional study of the missionary idea in the Old Testament, and is very satisfactory from the point of view of scholarship. The justification of the title is apparent when the author's point of departure comes into view. He sets out from Psalm 137, in which the exiles cry, "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" and he shows that in its present translation the question loses the keen edge that it has in its Hebrew and Babylonian setting. Jehovah was at first regarded by the Hebrews as a national deity whose song could not be sung on foreign soil; and the idea that the whole earth will come to the knowledge of him was a gradual growth. This "missionary thought of the Old Testament" is developed in a spiritual perspective with great skill.

In a volume entitled *Suggestions for the Spiritual Life* (Funk & Wagnalls, \$1.40), Professor G. L. Raymond, of the George Washington University, collects a number of inspiring chapel talks to students. The author discusses many questions of vital interest to college men.

Under the title *Why Go to College* (Century Co., \$1.25), Clayton Sedgwick Cooper adds a worthy volume to the extensive literature dealing with education as it relates to the young man of today. He emphasizes the spiritual values of college life. The book is a good one to put in the hands of youths looking forward to college.

A collection of sermons by the late Rev. George Whitefield Fisher, all delivered before 1884, appears under the title *From a Village Pulpit* (Revell, \$1.00). These discourses have a rugged power, and can be studied with profit by the young preacher.